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SUBJECT: SECRETARY ROGERS VISIT TO NICARAGUA

1. FOLLOWING IS ENGLISH TEXT OF EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW TO MANAGUA DAILY, NOVEDADES BY AMBASSADOR THEBERGE ON VISIT ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS. TEXT PUBLISHED IN APPROVED SPANISH TRANSLATION ON SUNDAY JANUARY 31, HEADLINED, "ROGERS REAFFIRMS U.S. SUPPORT FOR NICARAGUA". ITEM TITLED, "U.S. ADMIRES MEDIATING EFFORTS OF SOMOZA IN CENTRAL AMERICA". TEXT:

2. THE U.S. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS, MR. WILLIAM ROGERS, MADE A BRIEF VISIT TO NICARAGUA ON JANUARY 31, 1976 TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT SOMOZA AND FOREIGN MINISTER MONTIEL TO DISCUSS CENTRAL AMERICAN DEVELOPMENTS AND OTHER MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST TO BOTH COUNTRIES. MR. ROGERS WAS ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR THEBERGE.

3. AMBASSADOR THEBERGE IN AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW TO NOVEDADES, SAID THAT MR. ROGERS WAS HIGHLY SATISFIED WITH THE EXCELLENT, COOPERATIVE RELATIONS THAT EXISTED BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF BOTH COUNTRIES. HE WAS PLEASED TO HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON A WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS OF COMMON INTEREST WITH PRESIDENT SOMOZA. SECRETARY ROGERS' VISIT

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REFLECTS THE IMPORTANCE THE U.S. ATTACHES TO ITS FRIENDSHIP

WITH NICARAGUA, AND U.S. ADMIRATION FOR THE STATESMAN-LIKE EFFORTS OF PRESIDENT SOMOZA TO MEDIATE CONFLICTS IN CENTRAL AMERICA THAT POSE A THREAT TO REGIONAL GROWTH AND STABILITY.

4. ACCORDING TO AMBASSADOR THEBERGE, MR. ROGERS REAFFIRMED THE CONTINUING COMMITMENT OF THE US TO ASSIST THE DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF NICARAGUA. HE ALSO EXPRESSED HIS DEEP RESPECT, AND THAT OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, FOR THE DEDICATED AND SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS OF NICARAGUA TO RECOVER FROM THE TRAGIC EARTHQUAKE OF 1972.

5. AMBASSADOR THEBERGE SAID THAT IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT MR. ROGERS WOULD RETURN TO NICARAGUA FOR A LONGER VISIT IN THE FUTURE. END TEXT.  
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